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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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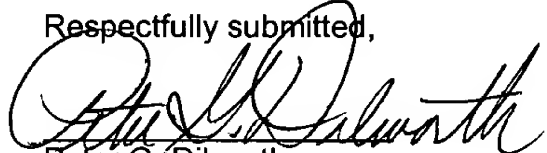
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Amended) An osteoimplant which comprises a solid aggregate of bone-derived elements selected from the group consisting of superficially demineralized bone-derived elements, substantially completely demineralized bone-derived elements and mixtures thereof, adjacent bone-derived elements being bonded to each other

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